

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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27. (currently amended) A colored transparent article comprising:

a thermoplastic polymer matrix; a plurality of domains; and one or more light absorbing compositions; wherein the measured haze of the article ~~as measured on a film of 15 mils in thickness~~ in the absence of the one or more light absorbing compositions is at least 4%; wherein said the domains each encompass at least one incompatible filler, dispersed in the thermoplastic polymer matrix, wherein the domains have a range of dimensions in an axial plane of the article, wherein the dimensions of at least some of the domains in the axial plane of the article fall within a range of from about 400 nm to about 700 nm;

wherein the one or more light absorbing compositions is present in an effective amount to alter the light absorption of the colored transparent article so that the light absorbed by a single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is such that the total amount of relative light available for reflectance, X, is less than 9.6 in an equation

$$X = \sum (1 - A_i) \times N_i$$

where  $A_i$  is the percent of light absorbed at a wavelength  $i$  determined on the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article without the incompatible filler present,

where  $N_i$  is the number of domains per hundred square microns at the wavelength  $i$ ,

where the wavelength  $i$  ranges from 400 nm to 700 nm;

and wherein said colored transparent article is of a single layer construction; and wherein the thermoplastic polymer matrix is selected from the group consisting of linear polyesters, branched polyesters, polyamides, polystyrenes, polycarbonates, polyvinylchlorides, polyacrylamides, polyacrylonitriles, polyvinylacetate, polyvinyl methyl ether, ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, ethylene methyl acrylate copolymer, low molecular weight polyolefins having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, and copolymers, terpolymers, and blends thereof.

28. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.
29. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.
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31. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a linear polyester ~~matrix~~ selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, ~~and~~ ~~polybutylene terephthalate~~, polytrimethylene terephthalate, polyethylene isophthalate and copolymers, terpolymers, and blends thereof.
32. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 31, wherein said linear polyester ~~matrix~~ is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate ~~or a copolymer thereof~~.
33. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.
34. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).
35. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said incompatible filler is a gas barrier strengthening filler.

36. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein the article comprises from about 99.5 to about 50 percent by weight thermoplastic polymer and from about 0.5 to about 50 percent by weight incompatible filler.
37. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said article comprises from about 99.5 to about 50 percent by weight of a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate and from about 0.5 to about 50 percent by weight poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).
38. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said light absorbent composition is a colorant.
39. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein X is less than 9.5.
40. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein X is less than 9.0.

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58. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.
59. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 27 34, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a polyethylene terephthalate modified with isophthalic acid and the incompatible filler is a gas barrier strengthening filler.
60. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 31, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than polyester polyesters and clays.
61. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 31, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.
62. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 32, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

63. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 32, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

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98. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein at least one of the light absorbing compositions is a red colorant.

99. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.

100. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.

101. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate or a copolymer thereof.

102. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

103. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

104. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

105. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than polyester and clays.

106. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 101, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

107. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 101, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

108. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 101, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

109. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein at least one of the light absorbing compositions is a yellow colorant.

110. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.

111. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.

112. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate or a copolymer thereof.

113. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

114. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

115. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

116. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than polyester and clays.

117. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 112, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

118. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 112, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

119. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 112, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

120. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein at least one of the light absorbing compositions is a yellow colorant.

121. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.

122. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.

123. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate or a copolymer thereof.

124. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

125. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

126. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

127. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than polyester and clays.

128. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 123, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

129. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 123, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

130. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 123, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

131. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 27 wherein X is less than 7.5.

132. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.

133. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.

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135. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a linear polyester ~~matrix~~ selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, ~~and~~ ~~polybutylene terephthalate~~, polytrimethylene terephthalate, polyethylene isophthalate and copolymers, terpolymers, and blends thereof.

136. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 135, ~~herein~~ wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate ~~or a copolymer thereof~~.

137. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim ~~135~~ 136, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than ~~polyester~~ polyesters and clays.

138. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 136, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

139. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 136, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

140. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein said

incompatible filler is a gas barrier strengthening filler.

141. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein the article comprises from about 99.5 to about 50 percent by weight thermoplastic polymer and from about 0.5 to about 50 percent by weight incompatible filler.
142. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein said article comprises from about 99.5 to about 50 percent by weight of a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate and from about 0.5 to about 50 percent by weight poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).
143. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 136, wherein the incompatible filler is nylon 6.
144. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein at least one of the light absorbing compositions is a red colorant.
145. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.
146. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.
147. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate ~~or a copolymer thereof~~.
148. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.
149. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).
150. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

151. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than ~~polyester~~ polyesters and clays.

152. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 147, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

153. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 147, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

154. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 147, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

155. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein at least one of the light absorbing compositions is a yellow colorant.

156. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.

157. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.

158. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate or a copolymer thereof.

159. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

160. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

161. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

162. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than ~~polyester~~ polyesters and clays.

163. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 158, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

164. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 158, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

165. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 158, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

166. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein at least one of the light absorbing compositions is a blue colorant.

167. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein said colored transparent article is an oriented container and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the container.

168. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein said colored transparent article is a plastic bottle and wherein the single continuous portion of the colored transparent article is a sidewall of the bottle.

169. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate or a copolymer thereof.

170. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

171. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

172. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

173. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein said incompatible filler is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic polymers other than polyesters ~~polyester~~ and clays.

174. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 169, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

175. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 169, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylylene adipamide).

176. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 169, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

177. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein the colored transparent article further comprises a red colorant, a yellow colorant, and a blue colorant.

178. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 177, wherein the incompatible filler is selected from the group of thermoplastic polymers other than polyesters ~~polyester~~ and clays.

179. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 178, wherein the incompatible filler is a polyamide.

180. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein the light absorbing composition absorbs light in the region of 450 to 600 nm.

181. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 180, wherein the incompatible filler is selected from the group of thermoplastic polymers other than polyesters ~~polyester~~ and clays.

182. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 181, wherein the incompatible filler is a polyamide.

183. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 27 ~~434~~, wherein the thermoplastic polymer matrix is a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, and polybutylene terephthalate, polytrimethylene terephthalate, polyethylene

isophthalate and copolymers, terpolymers, and blends thereof and one of said  
~~the~~ at least one light absorbing compositions is the said polyester.

184. (currently amended) The colored transparent article of claim 183, wherein the incompatible filler is selected from the group of thermoplastic polymers other than polyesters ~~polyester~~ and clays.
185. (previously presented) The colored transparent article of claim 184, wherein the incompatible filler is a polyamide.
186. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 27, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is polyethylene terephthalate.
187. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 186, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylene adipamide).
188. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 186, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.
189. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 98, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is polyethylene terephthalate.
190. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 189, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.
191. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 189, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylene adipamide).
192. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 189, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.
193. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 109, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is polyethylene terephthalate.

194. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 193, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.
195. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 193, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylene adipamide).
196. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 193, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.
197. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 120, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is polyethylene terephthalate.
198. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 197, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.
199. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 197, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylene adipamide).
200. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 197, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.
201. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 131, wherein said thermoplastic polymer matrix is polyethylene terephthalate.
202. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 201, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.
203. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 201, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylene adipamide).
204. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 201, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

205. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 144, wherein said linear polyester is polyethylene terephthalate.

206. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 205, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

207. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 205, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylene adipamide).

208. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 205, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

209. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 155, wherein said linear polyester is polyethylene terephthalate.

210. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 209, wherein said incompatible filler is a polyamide.

211. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 209, wherein said incompatible filler is poly(*m*-xylene adipamide).

212. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 209, wherein said incompatible filler is nylon 6.

213. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 131 wherein the article comprises a yellow and a red light absorbing composition.

214. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 213, wherein the thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate.

215. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 166, wherein the thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate.

216. (new) The colored transparent article of claim 177, wherein the thermoplastic polymer matrix is a copolymer of polyethylene terephthalate.